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FUNDS TO COFFEE GROWER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coffee Board has finalized plans to extend financial assistance to tribal farmers in Andhra Pradesh to grow coffee on small plots;

(b) whether the Coffee Board identified certain areas in Andhra Pradesh in the Eastern Ghats for coffee cultivation;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance likely to be given to tribal farmers to grow coffee;

(d) whether any banks have also been involved in this exercise; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir The Coffee Board has identified the agency tracks of Vishakhapatnam, Maredumilli Mandal of East Godavari and Pachipenta Mandal in Vizianagaram as suitable for development of coffee in the Eastern Ghats.

(c) As per the project proposal of Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Paderu, for the 10th Plan, an extent of 24,000 ha. is proposed to be brought under coffee expansion with the technical support provided by Coffee Board. The proposed outlay of the project proposal of ITDA is Rs. 144 crores.In addition, the Coffee Board also proposes to cover 6000 ha. under intensive cultivation by providing subsidy @ Rs. 5000/ha. to improve the production and productivity of coffee and also provide subsidy under the quality upgradation component of the scheme.

(d) & (e) : Yes, Sir. The loan component of the IDTA project is proposed to be met by National Scheduled Tribes Finance Development Corporation (NSTFDC).The NSTFDC proposes to provide loan assistance to an extent of Rs. 24 crores to the tribal beneficiaries @ Rs. 10,000/ha.